

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Sri K. Ananda Rao, former PIA, Seethampeta & Veeraghattam/ Joint Director of Agriculture, Srikakulam (Now retired) – Departmental Proceedings under Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 – written statement of defence received – Final orders - Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (VIG I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 341

Dated: 15-03-2010

Read the following:-

1. From the C&DA., Hyd. Lr.No.Vig.II(4)219/2005, Dated 5-2-2007.
2. Govt. Memo No.1925/Vig.I/1/2007-1, Dt. 7-3-2007.
3. From the C&DA., Hyderabad Lr.No.Vig.II(4)219/2005, Dated 26-3-2007.
4. G.O.Rt.No.9, Agrl. & Coopn.(Vig.I) Dept., dated 3-1-2009.
5. From the C&DA., Hyd.Lr.No.Vig.II(4) 219/2005, Dated 11-6-2009 along with w.s.d. of Sri K.Ananda Rao, Ex-PIA and JDA (Retd) dated 14-5-2009.
6. Govt. Memo No.1925/Vig.I/1/2007-3, Dt.28-7-2009.
7. From the C&DA., Hyd. Lr.No.Vig.II(4) 219/2005, Dated 30-1-2010 along Lr.No.148/1999/P1, dated 24-11-2009 of the PD, DWMA, Srikakulam.

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ORDER:

It has brought to the notice of the Government by the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad in the reference 1st read above about the irregularities committed by Sri K.Ananda Rao, Jt. Director of Agriculture (Retd), Srikakulam for negligence to complete audit of accounts and rectification of audit observations for the amounts drawn by him for the years 1999-2000 to 2003-04 till the financial year 2006-2007 while working as Project Agriculture Officer, in the EAS and Watershed Programme at Seethampeta and PIA Seethampeta & Veeraghattam Blocks Srikakulam. After examining the proposal of the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad only One charge has been framed against him under Rule 20 of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991 and calling his written defence of statement.

2. In the reference 5th cited the Charged Officer has submitted his written statement of defence, wherein he has submitted that the amount shown ie., Rs.100.33 lakhs against Veeraghattam, block as funds released is not correct and the fact was already intimated to the Project Director, DWMA, Srikakulam, but the figure was not correct. The amount shown under vouchers submitted (Rs.93.596 lakhs) and unspent amount (Rs.0.489 lakhs) were the actual release and interest remitted respectively. Further the Chartered Accountant while auditing the accounts no where it was pointed out that PIA has to render account for Rs.6.245 lakhs. No amount need be remitted by him. Regarding delay on audit reports, the Charged Officer, stated that while he was working as PAO, ITDA, Seethampeta, he was kept in charge of PIA, Seethampeta in 4/1998 and in-charge of Veeraghattam in 6/2000. Later, he was promoted as Dy. Director of Agriculture and posted to Farmers Training Centre, Srikakulam as Dy. Director of Agriculture in 12/2003 and to the post of Jt. Director of Agriculture as Jt. Director of Agriculture, Srikakulam in 6/2004; there is only one Chartered Accountant engaged by DWMA, Srikakulam and all the accounts of PIAs and watershed committees in the District have to be scrutinized and audited by this Chartered Accountant. Normally a time schedule has to be chalked out but it was not so. Even if time schedule is fixed, it often deviates. The time consumed by the vagaries of Chartered Accountant to conduct audit ultimately is credited to the accounts of PIA as delay wantonly done and disciplinary proceedings initiated. Even after audit, if the amounts and vouchers are brought to office of the DWMA, none taken up responsibility to receive and adjust and after some time on pursuing the issue the adjustment will be done but delay in adjustment will be shown against PIA as wantonly done. The Charged Officer further submitted that he has

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sent final replies and they were recommended by the Chartered Accountant for dropping; as his promotion post demand his whole concentration in the discharge of duties, hardly, he could pay attention to complete the work and in that process, delay to some extent occurred for which and requested to condone the delay and requested to drop further action in the matter.

3. Government after careful examination of the matter, has requested the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad to verify how much funds were allocated and released under the scheme to Veeraghattam block and furnish his remarks on written statement of defence of the Charged Officer, along with relevant orders copies of such allocation made to Veeraghattam block and a detailed report to Government vide reference 6th read above.

4. In the reference 7th read above, the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad, has informed that the Project Director, DWAMA, Srikakulam has been asked his report on the explanation of charged officer. The Project Director, DWMA, Srikakulam while furnishing the "No Due Certificate" and he has informed that the Charged Officer has cleared all the advances pending against him. Regarding balance amount of Rs.6,24,500/- is pending adjustment relating to Veeraghattam Block for which the charged officer reported that the amount was released to his predecessor and he is not responsible for the same and requested for dropping the charges framed against him. The District Collector & Chairman, DWMA, Srikakulam has pleased on the replies given by the Charged Officer and dropped the 3 charges which were framed against Sri K. Ananda Rao, former PIA, Seethampeta & Veeraghattam and retired Jt. Director of Agriculture, Srikakulam framed by them.

5. Government after careful examination of the Charge framed against the Charged Officer, with reference to the remarks of the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad the Project Director, DWMA, Srikakulam and records observed that the Charged Officer has settled all the advances and Collector also reported that the Dist Collector & Chairman, DWMA, Srikakulam has dropped further action and the Charged Officer is retired and no longer in service, there is no need for further action. Government has decided to drop the charge framed against Sri K. Ananda Rao, former PIA, Seethampeta & Veeraghattam/ Joint Director of Agriculture, Srikakulam (Now retired).

6. Accordingly, Government hereby drop the charge framed against Sri K. Ananda Rao, former PIA, Seethampeta & Veeraghattam/ Joint Director of Agriculture, Srikakulam (Now retired).

7. The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad shall take necessary action in the matter. The original records received from the C&DA, are returned herewith.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**RACHEL CHATTERJEE
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To
Sri K. Ananda Rao, former PIA, Seethampeta & Veeraghattam/
Joint Director of Agriculture, Srikakulam (Now retired) Through the C&DA, Hyd.

Copy to
The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad.
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